

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on January 16, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 169, 1/6/2017; HB 179, 1/6/2017; HB 223, 1/6/2017

HEARING ON HB 169**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:23 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 169, Raise minimum wage in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:08 Galen Hollenbaugh, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
00:10:11 Jules Schindel, Montana Human Rights Network, Montana Women Vote
EXHIBIT(buh11a01)

00:13:37 Joe Wodnik, self
00:14:25 John Ilgenfritz, self
00:19:49 Linda Beischel, self
00:22:36 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:27 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association (MRA), Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)
00:26:42 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
00:30:21 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
00:34:35 Bennington Ward, self
00:39:59 Ken Beachy, self
00:44:28 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity Montana (AFP-MT)
00:48:36 Rhonda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce (HCC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:52 Rep. Curtis
00:52:30 David Herbst, AFP-MT
00:52:34 Rep. Rosendale
00:53:07 Rep. Dunwell
00:54:23 Rep. Rosendale
00:55:05 Chair Noland
00:55:11 Rep. Curtis
00:55:46 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
00:56:34 Rep. Funk
00:57:33 Brad Griffin, MRA, MTRA
00:58:28 Rep. Olsen
01:01:07 Rhonda Wiggers, HCC
01:03:23 Rep. Olsen
01:04:15 Galen Hollenbaugh, DLI
01:05:47 Rep. Ricci
01:06:11 Rep. Dunwell
01:07:08 Rep. Zolnikov
01:08:31 Brad Griffin, MRA, MTRA
01:09:06 Rep. Loge
01:09:36 Ken Beachy, self
01:10:22 Rep. Grubbs

01:11:08 Galen Hollenbaugh, DLI
01:11:44 Rep. Grubbs
01:11:51 Galen Hollenbaugh, DLI
01:12:07 Rep. Grubbs
01:12:13 Galen Hollenbaugh, DLI
01:12:18 Rep. Curtis
01:12:45 Galen Hollenbaugh, DLI
01:15:08 Rep. Rosendale
01:15:28 Galen Hollenbaugh, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:24 Rep. Dunwell

HEARING ON HB 179**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:22:58 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 179, Clarify failure to return rental-purchase item not subject to criminal liability.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:14 Denver Cobb, Great Falls Police

Opponents' Testimony:

01:31:31 Tony Longin, self
01:37:18 David Lyons, self
01:40:36 Chair Ricci

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:40:59 Rep. Vinton
01:42:50 Rep. Schreiner
01:43:26 Tony Longin, self
01:44:01 Rep. Schreiner
01:44:26 Tony Longin, self
01:44:33 Rep. Zolnikov
01:45:00 Denver Cobb, Great Falls Police
01:45:08 Rep. Zolnikov
01:45:27 David Lyons, self
01:45:54 Rep. Zolnikov
01:46:19 David Lyons, self
01:47:07 Rep. Pierson
01:47:29 David Lyons, self
01:47:51 Rep. Pierson
01:48:05 Rep. Ricci
01:48:31 Tony Longin, self
01:49:56 Rep. Schreiner
01:50:51 Tony Longin, self
01:51:24 Rep. Olsen
01:51:40 Tony Longin, self

01:51:57 Rep. Zolnikov
 01:53:38 Denver Cobb, Great Falls Police
 01:53:47 Rep. Curtis
 01:54:21 Tony Longin, self
 01:54:43 Chair Noland
 01:55:07 Denver Cobb, Great Falls Police
 01:55:24 Chair Noland
 01:55:50 Tony Longin, self
 01:56:18 Rep. Olsen
 01:57:25 Tony Longin, self
 01:57:50 Rep. Olsen
 01:59:15 Tony Longin, self
 01:59:22 Rep. Olsen
 01:59:42 Tony Longin, self
 01:59:53 Rep. Rosendale
 02:00:08 Tony Longin, self

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:43 Rep. Price

HEARING ON HB 223

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:01:47 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 223, Revise laws relating to title insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:04:25 Aimee Grmoljez, American Title, First American Title Company of Montana
[EXHIBIT\(buh11a02\)](#)

02:09:05 William Gowen, President, Montana Land and Title Association
 02:13:05 Robert Sewell, First American Title
[EXHIBIT\(buh11a03\)](#)

02:17:27 Ted Lovec, American Title and Escrow
[EXHIBIT\(buh11a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:22:36 Sara Ream, Eastern Montana Title Company

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:23:25 Rep. Loge
 02:23:59 Robert Sewell, First American Title
 02:24:45 Rep. Curdy
 02:25:22 Sara Ream, Eastern Montana Title Company
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 02:27:24 Rep. Olsen

02:28:08 Sara Ream, Eastern Montana Title Company
02:30:34 Chair Noland
02:31:04 William Gowen, Montana Land and Title Association
02:31:51 Rep. Curtis
02:32:09 Aimee Grmoljez, American Title, First American Title Company of Montana
02:32:40 Robert Sewell, First American Title
02:33:32 Rep. Curtis
02:33:41 Robert Sewell, First American Title

Closing by Sponsor:

02:34:09 Rep. Custer

02:38:52 Chair Noland

02:39:17 Recessed
02:54:51 Reconvened

02:54:59 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:55:07

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh11aad.pdf](#))